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REMARKS

In the November 12, 2004 office action, claims 1, 2, 68 and 69 were rejected and claims 14-25 and 33-67 were allowed. Claims 3-13¹ were deemed to be allowable, if amended to be written in independent form to include the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

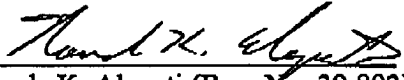
With the present amendment, claims 1, 2, 68 and 69 have been canceled and claims, 3-6, 8-11 and 13 have been written in independent form (claims 7 and 12 depend on claims 6 and 11, respectively).

Claims 3-25 and 33-67 are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. An early notice of allowance is solicited so that the application may proceed to issue.

A separate Fee Transmittal Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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¹ It is believed that the Examiner also should have included claims 65-67, since they depend on claim 13.